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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.121(a)

This is in further response to the Office Action mailed on March 27, 2002 in the above-identified application.

In applicants' Amendment Under 37 CFR § 1.121(a) filed by mail certification on June 27, 2002, applicants advised that applicants would be filing shortly a certified copy of applicants' priority document, i.e., Japanese Patent Application No. Hei 09-197020, filed July 23, 1997, to perfect applicants' claim of priority. Accordingly applicant has enclosed herewith the aforesaid certified copy.

The subject filing of the certified copy of applicants' priority document and the previous filing with the aforementioned Amendment of a certified translation of such document support applicants' reliance on applicants' priority date, i.e., July 27, 2002, as the effective filing date of the subject application. Accordingly, the Suzuki, et al. patent is no

longer a viable reference against the subject application and the Examiner's rejection under 35 USC § 102(e) based on such reference should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration of the claims and passage of same to issue is respectfully requested.

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